

REMARKS

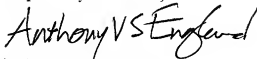
History of Case: The original application, filed October 31, 2003, included claims 1-35. The present Office action presents a restriction requirement with claims grouped as claims 1-11, 13-23, and 25-34 in Group I, and claims 12, 24, and 35 in Group II.

Action Herein: In this Response to Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects to prosecute the claims in Group I, claims 1-11, 13-23, and 25-34, without traversal, wherein the claims of Group I are to be prosecuted alone (and the claims of Group II are to be correspondingly withdrawn). No amendments are submitted herein.

REQUESTED ACTION

Applicant submits that the invention as set out in claims 1-11, 13-23, and 25-34 is patentably distinct, and hereby requests that the application be examined and promptly passed to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,



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